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Secretary of State for Education, Minister for Women & Equalities,
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Dear Ms Morgan,

I lead the only multi-issue political party in the English-speaking world campaigning for the human rights of men and boys. Our 80-page-long general election manifesto¹ details 20 areas where the human rights of men and/or boys (including the unborn) are assaulted by the actions and inactions of the state, along with three areas where the human rights of girls (including the unborn) are assaulted. There isn't a single area in which the human rights of women and/or girls *specifically* are assaulted by the state. Not one.

The idea that there's a need for a Minister for Women is as absurd today as it was when Harriet Harman first held a post with that title in 1997. For a majority Conservative government to continue with it reflects how anti-male the party has become under David Cameron's leadership, being driven by radical feminist agendas. Only one in five Conservative MPs is female, yet he awarded women a third of cabinet positions following the general election. Female Conservative MPs were 62% more likely to be given ministerial positions than their male colleagues. Margaret Thatcher, a true meritocrat, would have been *appalled*.

Your own anti-male leanings have been evident from the outset. Five months ago, five out of the seven Commissioners at the Equality & Human Rights Commission were women. You appointed two new Commissioners for terms of four years – both were women.²

This open letter, along with the attached materials, has been published on our party's website.³ It relates to a matter which has blighted the lives of boys – and in turn, men – for almost 30 years. I refer to the consummate failure of the state education system with respect to boys over that period, which has led to a sizeable majority of university students today being women. Both the primary school and secondary school systems have become ever more feminized over the past 30 years. State schools have failed boys badly, and continue to do so. As one indicator, almost one in four boys today is officially assessed as having special educational needs.⁴

¹ <https://j4mb.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/141228-v7-general-election-manifesto.pdf>

² <http://tinyurl.com/pzc7nw9>

³ <http://tinyurl.com/ne7sbte>

⁴ <http://tinyurl.com/plyocgr>

William Collins is an important blogger on gender issues.⁵ Among the many topics on which he's blogged is education, and two of his pieces are attached – “The Trouble With Boys in Education” and “Teachers’ Unfairness to Boys”. O Levels were replaced with GCSEs in the 1987/8 academic year, and continuous assessment introduced. Collins draws from a Department for Education report showing that was the year a substantial gender education gap abruptly appeared, and it has remained with us ever since. No reasonable person who takes the time to read Collins’s pieces could fail to accept the following:

- Teacher bias – the tendency of teachers to award girls higher marks than boys for the same quality of work – has been well documented for 20+ years in the UK and elsewhere. It is evident at least as early as Key Stage 2 SATS (taken at age 11), for GCSEs, and A Levels. The use of continuous assessment from 1987/8 resulted in teachers’ anti-male bias creating the gender education gap.
- Boys recognize that female teachers in particular have an anti-male bias, and this demotivates the boys, fuelling their under-achievement.

Although male unemployment has long been higher than female unemployment, the public perception is that taxpayers fund initiatives aimed at encouraging women into traditionally male careers (e.g. in STEMM subjects) while not financing initiatives aimed at encouraging men into traditional female careers (e.g. psychology, speech therapy, nursing). Increasing female employment leads to increasing male unemployment.⁶ British men pay 72% of the income taxes which largely fund your anti-male initiatives, and others like them. They paid £64 BILLION more income tax than British women in 2010/11,⁷ £68 billion more in 2011/12.⁸ That’s the gender tax gap, which I never hear feminists complaining about.

I have a number of questions for you, *please take them to be made under the Freedom of Information Act*:

1. What are the DofE initiatives aiming at encouraging more women and girls to study subjects historically regarded as largely the preserve of boys and/or leading to professions historically dominated by men e.g. STEMM subjects? How much is budgeted for these initiatives in 2015/16?
2. What are the DofE initiatives aiming at encouraging more men and boys to study subjects historically regarded as largely the preserve of girls and/or leading to professions historically dominated by women e.g. psychology? How much is budgeted for these initiatives in 2015/16?
3. Does the DofE recognize boys’ under-achievement as a problem to be addressed, and if so, what initiatives are in place, and how much is budgeted for them in 2015/16?
4. Does the DofE recognize that boys’ academic attainments have suffered as a result of an increasingly feminized teaching workforce? What are the percentages of female teachers in (a) primary schools, and (b) secondary schools, and are there any initiatives underway to encourage more men into teaching? If so, how much is budgeted for them in 2015/16?

Yours sincerely,

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⁵ <http://mra-uk.co.uk>

⁶ http://www.men-for-tomorrow.org/?page_id=219

⁷ <http://tinyurl.com/nwrxfuf>

⁸ <http://tinyurl.com/pdrjo7b>